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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 17.03.2026

Sukhjeevan Singh.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Sukhjeevan Singh	0111	20.05.2025	22, 29/61/85 of NDPS Act	Sultanpur Lodhi	Kapurthala

2. On 23.12.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name & age of Petitioner (s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Sukhjeevan Singh, aged about 26 years	0111	20.05.2025	22 and 29/61/85 of NDPS Act	Sultanpur Lodhi	Kapurthala

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that as per the allegations, accused Mehar Singh alias Prince was apprehended by the police party while allegedly attempting to throw away a plastic bag containing 105 intoxicant tablets. After his arrest, Mehar Singh alias Prince is stated to have made a



disclosure statement alleging that the said tablets had been purchased by him from the petitioner, Sukhjjevan Singh, and co-accused Lakhvir Singh. Consequently, petitioner was also nominated as an accused in the present case, vide DDR No.10 dated 21.05.2025 by the addition of Section 29 of the NDPS Act.

3. *Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, apart from the disclosure statement of the co-accused, there is no independent or corroborative material available with the prosecution to connect the petitioner with the alleged recovery. Petitioner has been implicated solely on the basis of disclosure statement, which by itself is inadmissible and insufficient to establish his involvement. It is further contended that petitioner has been roped in the present case, primarily because he was already involved in other criminal cases, and was, therefore, known to the police officials. It is, however, fairly conceded by learned counsel that out of the other criminal cases registered against the petitioner, he stands convicted in one case under the NDPS Act and has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a period of ten years.*

4. *Further submits that the main accused, namely Mehar Singh alias Prince, has already been granted the concession of interim bail by the learned Special Court, Kapurthala (Annexure P-4), on the ground that, till date, it has not been conclusively ascertained whether the recovered tablets fall within the category of a prohibited drug under the provisions of the NDPS Act, or not. FSL report in this regard is still awaited. It is lastly submitted that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation and to fully cooperate with the investigating agency, provided he is protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, learned counsel prays for grant of the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.*

5. *Notice of motion.*

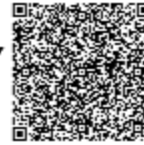
6. *On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent – State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.*

7. *Adjourned to 17.03.2026.*

8. *Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).*

9. *Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.*

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court
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3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance with the order dated 23.12.2025 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation and has extended full cooperation. He, therefore, prays for confirmation of the interim anticipatory bail order.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of affidavit of Dheerendra Verma, IPS, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Sultanpur Lodhi Kapurthala, in Court today. Same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place with the paper-book.

Learned State counsel on instruction from ASI Jinder Lal, submits that in pursuance of the directions issued by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation and as of now, his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 23.12.2025, passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

It is made clear that petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

7. However, it is clarified that in case the passport or an affidavit regarding non-possession of a passport, if he does not possess



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one, is not submitted to the Investigating Agency or the Court concerned within a period of two weeks from today, the present order shall be deemed to be inoperative and the Investigating Officer shall be at liberty to proceed with the arrest of the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

17.03.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/~~NO~~
Whether Reportable: ~~YES~~/NO